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## Local Matters.

### Special Election Next Tuesday.

The special election to approve or reject the proposed new charter of the city of Newport will be held next Tuesday, and all the machinery of a regular election will be required to carry out the provisions of the act admitting the proposition to the voters. The board of aldermen have canvassed the voting lists three times, the final canvass having been held Wednesday morning, and the lists are now being printed.

In spite of the importance of this matter to Newport people, very little has been said about it, and there seems to be a very general apathy. The indications are that the total vote will be a very small one, with few people taking enough interest to go to the polls to cast their votes. Under these circumstances it is difficult to predict what the result of the election will be, but the general opinion around town is that the different interests affected by the proposed change will combine against the charter and will defeat it.

The changes proposed by the new charter are quite extensive. Biennial elections will be provided for, which is a radical change for Newport, in accordance with the action of many other cities and towns throughout the State. The representative council will be reduced from 185 to 26, to serve for two years each. The board of aldermen will be elected by wards instead of at large as at present. Most important of all, perhaps, the present system of nomination papers will be done away with, and all nominations will be made by political parties, the same as is done in most other places. There are other minor changes from the present abominable charter, but those are the most important.

The problem of securing crushed stone in sufficient quantities for the use of the highway department is proving an interesting problem. Street Commissioner Sullivan has twice called the attention of the board of aldermen to the fact, and the board has investigated. An executive session of the board was held on Monday evening, Commissioner Sullivan and Contractor J. J. Dugan, being in attendance. From the sounds that penetrated to the outside of the room, it appeared as if the discussion was very animated. No formal action was taken by the board however.

The postoffice is now located in the Kirwin building at Thames and Ann streets and will not come back to Franklin street until the new Federal building is completed, which will be at least two years. The temporary building is somewhat crowded in some respects but it will probably answer the purpose fairly well. The entire site for the new building is now practically cleared with the exception of the old postoffice, which will be taken down as rapidly as possible.

The suit regarding the will of the late Theodore M. Davis of this city is on trial in Providence, there being 28 of the most prominent lawyers of the East engaged on the case. The suit is to confirm an alleged agreement made by Theodore M. Davis to give his wife \$1,000,000 in his will in consideration of her surrender of dower rights. Mrs. Davis has since died and the case is being prosecuted by her nephew, Theodore Davis Roosa.

Mr. Frederick G. Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bryant, and Mr. Ralph N. Millis, son of Colonel John Millis, received their degrees at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this week.

Colonel William J. Cozzens is again duty at the Torpedo Station, after having been confined to the Hospital for some time by illness.

Colonel Jeremiah W. Norton is somewhat indisposed.

### Thousands of Moose Coming.

Next Week will See the Big New England Field Day Convention in Newport—Wednesday's Parade will include 2000 Men with 15 Bands of Music. The New England Field Day Convention of the Royal Order of Moose will be held in this city next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and promises to be a big affair. The estimated number of strangers in the city next Wednesday when the big parade will be held, runs up as high as 30,000, but this can probably be discounted considerably. Nevertheless, a great number of people are expected, and the parade should be a notable one with approximately 7000 marchers in line. The business sessions of the convention will be held in the convention hall at the Beach, and inasmuch as there is a lively contest over the choice of place for the next convention, between Manchester, N. H., and Gloucester, Mass., the sessions are likely to prove interesting.

The first feature of the celebration will take place next Monday evening, when a parade of the new motorized fire department will be held. The line will be formed on West Marlboro street, under the command of Chief Andrew J. Kirwin, and will move at 7:30 over the following route: West Marlboro, Thanes street, Morton avenue, Spring street, Narragansett avenue, Thunes street, Washington square, Broadway, Farewell street, where the parade will be dismissed. At the City Hall the parade will be reviewed by Governor Beeckman and his staff, the Mayor and board of aldermen.

Immediately after the fire department parade there will be a parade of only decorated automobiles, with 185 vehicles in line. Prizes will be given for the best decorated vehicles in line. The parade will start at 8:00 o'clock over the following route: Washington square, Broadway, to Bliss road and counter-march to Washington square, Thunes street, to Carroll avenue, and counter-march up Thunes street, Washington square, to Broadway, where the parade will be dismissed. This will be followed immediately by a second division, consisting of horse-drawn vehicles moving over the same route. Colonel Frank P. King, chief marshal, will be in charge of the parade. If Monday should prove stormy, these events will take place the next evening.

Tuesday will be given over to business sessions of the convention, Mayor Boyce delivering an address of welcome, and a clambake for the delegates will be served at the Beach, after which they will be taken for an automobile ride about the city.

The big parade will take place on Wednesday, and it is estimated that there will be 7000 Moose in line, accompanied by fifteen bands of music. There will be lodges from Newport, Boston, Providence, Pawtucket, Fall River, Woonsocket, Wakefield, Haverhill, Mass., Cranston, Gloucester, Mass., Wakefield, Mass., Taunton, Manchester, N. H., Kittery, R. I., and Central Falls. Colonel Frank P. King will be in command of the line, with Captain William E. Braley as chief of staff. The staff will consist of Lieut. James W. Thompson, Judge Mortimer A. Sullivan, Thomas G. Reagan, Samuel P. Vettors, Frank J. Hughes, Dr. Maurice J. Butler, Dr. Frank W. Putman, Frank Thornton, Franklin C. Parsonage, Henry G. Lynch, and Daniel P. Conneron.

The line will start at 12 o'clock and will move over the following route: Touro street, Bellevue avenue, to Bowery street, and counter-march up Bellevue avenue, Kay street, Powel avenue, Broadway, Washington square, Thunes street, Narragansett avenue to Wellington Park, where the line will be dismissed. At Wellington park the various field day sports will be held, including a prize drill for the Beeckman cup with four teams entered. The crack team of Land's End Lodge of this city will give an exhibition drill but will not compete for the cup. There will be various athletic contests, for which prizes valued at \$200 have been offered.

The people of Newport are planning to give the visiting Moose a great reception. The various stores and public buildings are already being decorated for the convention, and most of the decorations will be allowed to remain in place until after the Fourth of July for the big patriotic parade.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Republican Club was held on Thursday evening, when George B. Austin was elected president to succeed William MacLeod, the constitution limiting the service of any president to two years. James P. Cozzens was elected vice president, Abnor L. Slocum secretary, and Willard L. Pike treasurer. The executive committee consists of George W. Bacheller, Jr., Benjamin F. Downing 3rd, Harry W. Tennant, Henry A. Curtis and John Mahan.

### Fourth of July Parade.

Plans for the big parade on the Fourth of July are developing well, with new organizations promising to participate every day. The ladies are taking an especially deep interest and there will undoubtedly be a large representation of women in the parade. The matter of music is an important one, as many bands will be required to furnish music for the large number of civic organizations in line. The music committee, of which Mr. A. Livingston Mason is the chairman, has engaged five full bands and two drum corps, which, with the various service bands will make a large amount of music. It is possible that the various ship bands from the fleet, which will probably be five in number, will be massed at the head of the blue jackets division, which will make one band of much volume and skill. In addition to this, the Seventh Artillery band will accompany the Coast Artillery detachment, and the Training Battalion band and drum corps will come over with the apprentices.

The reviewing stand will be erected on the north side of the steps at the City Hall, with accommodations for somewhat over 200 persons, with an enclosed platform for the reviewing officer, Admiral Luco. Invitations will be extended to the members of the three foreign embassies at Newport, as well as to other distinguished visitors here, to occupy places on the reviewing stand. Plans are being made for unattached individuals to form a separate organization in line, and it is expected that they will make quite a showing. The general committee will march on foot, wearing straw hats and cutaway coats.

The line of march will not be a long one, only a little over three miles in extent, but some of the organizations of ladies may not undertake to cover the entire route. Those that wish to march only a part of the way will join the line at Bellevue avenue and Pier street, and will continue past the reviewing stand.

The old Police Station on Market square will soon be a thing of the past and will give way for an open space that has been demanded for many years. The building was sold at auction on Monday, the highest bid being \$340 from J. A. Donnelly, a building wrecker of Fall River. He is ready to begin the work of clearing the site as soon as the property is turned over to him, the board of aldermen specifying that he shall not begin work until an agreement is reached with the Jamestown authorities regarding the general improvement of the square. The clock in the old building will be stored for the present.

The observance of Holy Name Day by the Portuguese societies of this vicinity was considerably interfered with last Sunday by the bad weather. The usual parade was held from Fenner avenue to St. Joseph's Church, the line being headed by the young children dressed in white, and accompanied by a band of music from Fall River. On the return from the church rain came down in torrents and the children were hurried into conveyances to carry them to the picnic grounds on Aquidneck avenue. The afternoon celebration was held in a large tent erected on the grounds.

One of our subscribers was in the office a few days ago exhibiting a watch 112 years old. It is sufficient to say that he had not carried it all that time himself. Subscription to the MERCURY is a promoter of longevity and as he has already been many years a subscriber he may eventually reach the age of his watch. While on the subject of watches, we will say that Newport's oldest man, Mr. Ara Hildreth, has a watch that he has carried since 1845.

Rev. H. N. Jeter, D. D., has been pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church for forty-one years, a really notable record. This anniversary, and the 52nd anniversary of the founding of the church, will be celebrated in a fitting manner during the week beginning June 25th. There will be special services at the church practically each day, and a number of notable clergymen from out of the city will come to Newport to take part in the observance.

Lieutenant William Francis Sullivan, who has been on active duty in France as an officer of the Royal Flying Corps of the British Army, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Sullivan on Wellington avenue. He had a large amount of active work to do, during his service at the front, but although fished upon many times, he escaped injury.

The big safe in the office of the Collector of Customs in the old Federal building could not be moved until the other offices had been vacated, as it was necessary to cut a hole in the floor to lower it from the second story, and then tear out a portion of the lower wall to permit its removal. It was no small job.

Judge Mortimer A. Sullivan is in St. Louis attending the sessions of the National Democratic Convention.

### School Committee.

The regular meeting of the school committee was held on Monday evening, when much business incident to the closing of the school year was disposed of. Many teachers were elected, a number of transfers were granted, and provision was made for the opening of the new John Clarke school in the fall. Colonel William J. Cozzens had sufficiently recovered from his recent serious illness to be able to attend and was heartily greeted by his associates.

The monthly report of Superintendent Lull contained the following items:

Total enrollment 4188, average number belonging 3891, average number attending 3138 4 per cent. of attendance 93.1, cases of truancy 217, cases of dismissal before the end of a session 24, number who have left school 34. Reason for leaving: To work 29, moved away 4, not given 2. Total enrollment 4188, number who have left since September, 1916, 200, not enrollment 3255, May 25, 4183. Only over last year at the corresponding date 176.

Total enrollment in the Rogers High School 623, a gain of 25 over last year. Courses of study signed and reported for next year 922. Maximum of school accommodations 516.

### Board of Health.

Since the last meeting of this board there have been 6 cases of diphtheria in the public schools. These cases have excluded 6 pupils in addition to those ill.

### Military Drill.

On May 24, Mr. Guy Normari presented with appropriate remarks to the Cadet Battalion a state flag and for the school department at the request of the committee on Military Drill, Hon. John P. Sanborn presented the national flag. On May 25, in the state armory, in the presence of Gov. Beeckman and Adjutant General Abbot, the first annual drill and inspection was held. All the events of the evening were highly praised by the inspecting visitors and by the large gathering of the friends of the cadets. There is no doubt about the general approval of the introduction of the drill by this Board. The public appearance of the battalion on the streets for parade drill, their participation in the Memorial Day parade and the inspection in the armory should assure a favorable appropriation for 1917.

### Miscellaneous.

On May 12 and 13, under the direction and training of the teachers of English in Rogers, the pupils observed the tercentenary of Shakespeare's death by presenting "Ye Merry Masque of Fools and Fairies." So great was the success it should be an inspiration to the other departments of the school to attempt similar entertainments.

### Rogers.

This school has received from Mr. Hamilton Fompkins a large framed picture of Hamilton College for the second corridor which has been reserved for college pictures and shields.

Last Friday in a competitive drill of two score of the Roger High School Cadets Charles Edward Shaughnessy Grade XI won the Bliss medal for efficiency in the manual of arms. The judges were Captain Clarke and Lieutenants Norton and Watrous, Jr., of Fort Adams.

The report of Truant Officer Topham contained the following:

Number of cases investigated (reported by teachers) 162. Number of cases of truancy (public 14, parochial 1) 15. Number out for illness and other causes, 147. Number found not attending school, 11. Number sent to public schools, 2. Number sent to parochial schools, 0. Number of certificates issued (14-15 years) 13. Number of certificates issued (15-16 years) 2.

On May 20 two boys were brought before the juvenile court on petition and summons for truancy. They were adjudged delinquents and placed on probation.

On May 23, a boy who was on probation for truancy was surrendered for larceny. He was sentenced to the Stockanisset school during his minority.

On recommendation of the committee on textbooks and curriculum, several changes in textbooks were adopted. Colonel Herbert Bliss was re-elected military instructor in the Rogers at a salary of \$720 a year, and Dr. Porter, Miss Hunter and Mr. Congdon were elected trustees of the teachers retirement fund. Permission was given for the use of certain rooms in various school buildings during the summer months, as heretofore. A long letter from William B. Franklin calling attention to the damage done to a barn adjoining the Coddington school was referred to the committee on buildings with power to act.

The committee on teachers presented a long report which was considered in executive session for about an hour and was adopted. The resignations of Miss Rebecca T. Bosworth, after a service of 53 years, of Mrs. Maria J. Gale, and of Miss Anna M. Alger were accepted with regret, and Mrs. M. Anna Ford was given a year's leave of absence without pay. Certain grades were transferred from the Coddington and the Clarke schools to the new John Clarke school of which Mr. Dudley E. Campbell will be the principal, Mr. Robinson being transferred from the Potter school to take his place at the Coddington. Several new teachers were elected and a number of increases of salary were granted.

Rev. H. A. Roberts, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church at Block Island, has been in the city this week.

### William Ellery Chapter.

The annual meeting of William Ellery Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was held at the rooms of the Newport Historical Society on Tuesday afternoon, when various annual reports were read and officers were elected. In response to an invitation to participate in the Fourth of July parade, it was voted to equip a float, to be under the direction of the junior entertainment committee. The usual prize for a historical essay by pupils of the Rogers High School was withdrawn, as no pupil had entered the contest, but he will be suitably rewarded for his efforts.

The new officers elected, and the committees appointed, are as follows:

Regent—Mrs. Harvey J. Lockwood.

Vice Regent—Mrs. R. Wallace Peckham.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. Alton Barker.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Beatrice S. Lockwood.

Treasurer—Mrs. Alexander J. Pluder.

Historian—Miss Edith May Tilley.

Registrar—Mrs. Alvah H. Sanborn.

Executive Board—Mrs. Harry A. Titus, Mrs. R. Hammatt Tilley, Mrs. T. Fred Kaull, Mrs. Jessie Peckham, Mrs. Edward A. Brown, Miss Elizabeth B. Smith.

Program—Mrs. R. Wallace Peckham, Mrs. William J. Underwood, Miss Etta Peckham.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Albert C. Landers, Mrs. George H. Bryant, Mrs. Thomas P. Peckham.

Auditing Committee—Miss Sarah Clark and Miss Sophia Stearns.

Patriotic education committee—Miss Edith M. Tilley, Mrs. David T. Finnigan, Miss Susan W. Swinburne, Mrs. John P. Sanborn, Mrs. Harry H. Jayton and Miss Helen W. Thompson.

Entertainment committee—Mrs. R. Hammatt Tilley, Mrs. Jessie Peckham, Mrs. Seth DeBlis, Mrs. Robert C. Eads.

Ways and Means Committee—Mrs. Philip Wilbur, Mrs. Frank W. Merrill, Mrs. William H. Howard, Mrs. Harry A. Titus.

Visiting Committee—Mrs. Walter C. Coffle, Mrs. Edward A. Brown.

Junior Entertainment committee—Mrs. Alvah H. Sanborn, Miss Alice C. Watson, Miss Sarah A. Watson, Miss Beatrice Lockwood, Mrs. Laura G. Brown, Miss Pauline Stevens, Miss Dorothy Sayer, Miss Grace Langley, Miss Mildred Parker.

### Superior Court.

The case of Mrs. Tillie J. Jones vs. the City of Newport proceeded in the Superior Court on Monday, going to the jury late in the afternoon. After being out some time, the jury reported a verdict of \$1000 for the plaintiff. The case of Henry J. Jones vs. the City of Newport, to recover for loss of his wife's services by reason of the same accident, was put over to the October session.

Tuesday afternoon, the Block Island case of May Stedman vs. Phoebe Willis, was heard by a jury of which Charles T. Howard of Little Compton was appointed foreman. This was an action for slander, growing out of utterances alleged to have been made by defendant to Mrs. Stedman at the dock on Block Island on May 31

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CHAPTER XXIV.

Pleading For a Life.

**A**NEW evening late Abner Daniel was walking after supper upon the grass in front of Trumbly's house. It was his usual early bedtime, but he had no inclination to sleep. Mary had been his companion for more than an hour, and they had been talking of their work and above all of Howard's trouble, but she had gone into the house, and he was facing the grim problem alone. Suddenly at the head of the road he saw the blurred figure of a man come into view, pause for a moment and then move on toward him with what seemed to be an uncertain, hesitating step. Then, looking more closely, Abner recognized Abe Fulton. Seized by a sudden desperate impulse toward frank reality, Abner stepped to the gate and, opening it, advanced boldly toward Fulton.

With a low grunt of fear and surprise the latter turned and was about to flee the spot when Abner uttered a soft, reassuring laugh. "Wait! I scared you," he chuckled. "I didn't mean to, Abe. I dropped my tobacco at the foot of that oak an' was down on my all fours rootin' about in the grass like a hog tryin' to find it. Which way are you headed at this time o' night? Late for you to be out, ain't it?"

"I wasn't goin' nowhere," Abe replied hesitatingly.

"At the blacksmith's shop in the edge o' town this morning the feller that was drownin' the bollows, Abe, said you'd just passed along an axed of he'd need me. Was it anything particular you wanted?"

Fulton blinked helplessly.

"No, I—I didn't want nothin'," he said haltingly. "Nothing at all. I was just wonderin' if you'd passed along. I—" The voice died away.

Abner looked toward the full moon and stood stroking the bristling, week-old beard on his chin.

"Oh, I'd bet you did want to see me," Abner said. "You are just a little back-ard an' slow to come to a thing. Abe, I used to do that way myself till politics, tradin' horses, an' one thing or other learned me that it wouldn't do."

The man offered no denial, and of this Abner made a mental note.

"I did want to see you," he blurted out. "I hadn't been right in my mind here lately. Sometimes I don't know what I'm sayin' or doin'. My wife has noticed it an' called my attention to it several times."

"Ah, he is goin' to own up an' claim mental unsoundness," Abner reflected, while a sudden glow of hope suffused him. "He's sharp enough to know that it will strengthen his claim." Then aloud to Fulton, he said: "A man ain't accountable for what he does when he's that way, Abe, especially of he's all keyed up in pity over somebody he's harmed or wronged—a son-of-a-bitch person that he hated to see suffer."

Fulton seemed so much absorbed over what he was now bent on saying that Abner's words fell on closed ears.

"I was havin' one o' my worst spells other evenin' when you was out lookin' for yo' boss. I'd been feelin' so bad

that I drunk a lot o' whisky just 'fore you come. I thought that would clear up my mind, but I took too much. I drunk mighty nigh a pint, all told. I

I was just gettin' under the influence of it when I was talkin' to you, an' after you left I was plumb socked. My wife overheard the ramblin' way I was talkin' to you, an' when I come in—It

was the next mornin', when my mind was right—she told me—she told me she had never heard anybody say such ridiculous things in 'er life."

"Ridiculous?" Abner's heart sank in sheer dismay over the unexpected stand the man was taking. "Ridiculous? Did you say ridiculous, Abe?"

"Yes, I've been tryin' to remember what it was I did say that night. I think, among other things we talked about—about—"

"Yes, we talked about Craig an' Howard and Thrusley," Abner went on steadily. For the course Fulton was taking had upset one of his best hopes. "You said you was sorry for the boy—you said he'd done you favors, an' you seemed to think, though I didn't fully agree with you at the time, that Howard was tellin' the truth."

"I may have said it." Abe went on hesitantly, keeping his desperate gaze at a wheel-cut rut in the road, which he was nervously twirling with the toe of his coarse shoe. "I don't git off, but when I do I stubbin' over an sometimes say about the least thing. My wife said I tried about Howard when I got to bed after you left that night, an' said he was lookin' worried when I got up. That was odd, too, for I don't know a thing about the case. I reckon Howard is as safe as the perimeter run o' hawks, but everybody knows he has got temper an' turned himself up 'em lookin' for tempest."

"Yes, he has a hot temper," Abner was speaking so suddenly it was easier to get his bearings. Some before had hit his ingenuity, but in such a half-dreaming rest and his hope of convincing Howard was becoming less and less as he realized the self-control Fulton was so good upon. Was it possible that the wife of a man of the law could defeat his own?"

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Saturday, June 17, 1916,

One hundred and fifty eight years ago next Monday, June 19, 1768, the first number of the *MERCURY* was issued. From that day to this it has been a weekly and we have every reason to believe a welcome visitor to many thousands of families. It has outlined all of its competitors or associates and is today without question the oldest paper published in America. In these one hundred and fifty eight years it has had no small influence in shaping the affairs of this city, state and nation.

The *MERCURY* has always been the symbol of patriotism, and has been always intensely American. As long ago as 1765, ten years before the battle of Concord and Lexington, that staunch old patriot, Solomon Southwick, the then publisher of the *MERCURY*, placed at the head of his columns the daring motto, "Undoubtedly by tyrants, we'll die or be free."

Mr. Norman's chances for nomination for Congress from this district are improving every day. He will undoubtedly be nominated and elected. He is just the kind of a man this State needs in Washington.

Candidate Hughes is going to prove himself a good campaigner. He started in on his work in less than one hour after his nomination, and he will keep steadily at it till the polls close on the 7th of November.

Judge Charles Evans Hughes will be in Providence next week to attend Commencement at Brown University. He will come as an alumnus only and will not make a political address. He may be sure of a cordial reception however.

Lest you forget it we would call your attention to the fact that on next Tuesday you can vote yes or no on an amended charter for the city of Newport. This amendment is a vast improvement on the charter we now have and we believe that it will be a good thing for the city to adopt it.

The Democratic National Convention at St. Louis did the expected, nominated Wilson and Marshall for President and Vice President by acclamation. Bryan is still much in evidence in the party and his speech Thursday night was loudly applauded. Peace sentiment prevailed to a large extent. There was considerable fight over platform.

Two weeks ago the *MERCURY* announced that Hughes and Fairbanks would be the Republican standard bearers. We proved to be good prophets, as the action of the great convention proved. We went further and made Theodore Roosevelt the Republican U. S. Senator from New-York. There is a good betting show that that prediction will prove true.

The Rhode Island delegation to the Democratic National Convention arrived in St. Louis Monday night. On the train they chose ex-Mayor Sullivan of Cranston, chairman, and selected Col. P. H. Quinn as a member of the Democratic National Committee, thus throwing out Geo. W. Greene of Woonsocket who has been on National Committee for quite a number of years. The O'Shaunessy-Greene feud is said now to be buried. Mr. Mortimer Sullivan of this city is one of the delegates.

There is a general belief that the progressive party is now virtually defunct, and its supporters will go like lost sheep to which ever party suits their fancy for the moment. The formal obsequies of party are expected to be held June 25, when the national committee gathers in Chicago, ostensibly to take action regarding Col. Roosevelt's "conditional" withdrawal as Presidential nominee. Even Gov. Johnson of California, the rabid blattant opposer of everything Republican, declines to accept the Presidential nomination. If he felt that there was the ghost of a show for him he would not have declined, for he is not the kind of a man that declines anything he can reach.

The nomination at Chicago of Hughes and Fairbanks is meeting with universal favor among Republicans all over the country. With the disturber Roosevelt out of the way there can be but little doubt of the success of this ticket in November. Wilson four years ago lacked more than million votes of equaling the two divisions of the Republican party. He will lack more than that this time. With Justice Hughes to head the ticket the Republicans have a man of great ability, large experience in national affairs, and withal a man who is truly and unreservedly American. Roosevelt himself, the great self appointed protector of the nation's honor, could not have declared a more pronounced up-to-date American preparedness document than was Justice Hughes telegram of acceptance. It had not only the true ring, but it carried with it the conviction that the writer knew the force of the language, that he meant just what he said, and if elected President as he undoubtedly will be in November, he is prepared to back his language by deeds not by smooth utterances only, uttered today, changed tomorrow, and taken back the next day, as has been the action of our present Chief Executive.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology's new home at Cambridge has so far cost about \$7,000,000. One million has gone into the purchase and draining of the site. The buildings cost in neighborhood of \$4,000,000. Power house, equipment of buildings, distribution of power and items of this nature have required another million. The Walker Memorial will cost about \$400,000 for the building alone, and the dormitories some \$300,000 more. The Semi Centennial of this institution is being celebrated this week.

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Franklin Officer Theophilus Topham narrowly escaped serious injury when he was knocked from his bicycle by a passing express wagon on Thames street on Tuesday. The wagon was stopped in time to prevent it from passing over his body.

**A Remarkable Convention.**

The chairman of a state delegation to the Republican national convention says: "The Republican party has once more risen to the emergency and has nominated its strongest candidate in Charles E. Hughes. I have no doubt whatever of his election. The country does not yet know Hughes aside from his record as a member of the Supreme Court. But the country is going to know Hughes, is going to like him better as it gets to know him and his ideas more fully. His strength will roll up stronger day by day as the campaign progresses.

"Some people seem to be disturbed because the Republican convention did not evince more enthusiasm. The mere fact that the delegates refused to destroy their lung tissue, that they were serious, sober-minded and hard-headed proves nothing but that they were the men to select the next President of the republic at a time of grave national crisis. Hundreds of people told me that the Republican convention contained the most remarkable body of delegates that have assembled in this country since the Civil War."

**Ardent for Hughes.**

The New York Sun says: "Sun accepts with alacrity opportunity to support President of the United States a man like Charles Evans Hughes against the man that Woodrow Wilson has shown himself to be. We believe with Theodore Roosevelt that our present troubles with Mexico are 'the direct result of an utter failure to prepare, and of our governmental policy of almost unbelievable timidity and vacillation.' We believe with Theodore Roosevelt that the American people 'must make this nation as strong as its convictions.'

**To Command Battleship Division of Atlantic Fleet.**

Rear Admiral DeWitt Coffman, commanding the sixth division of the Atlantic fleet, becomes Vice Admiral of the fleet, in command of the battleship division, under orders just issued. Rear Admiral H. O. Dunn takes command of division five, and Rear Admiral A. F. Fechteler heads division six. The changes were necessitated by the elevation of Vice Admiral Mayo to command the fleet.

**Most Powerful Afloat.**

The new superdreadnought Pennsylvania is at the Norfolk navy yard and is commissioned in the United States navy, with Capt. H. B. Wilson commanding. With her 12 14-inch rifles, four torpedo tubes and 22 five-inch guns, the Pennsylvania is considered by American experts the most powerful warship afloat. She displaces 32,000 tons, and made slightly more than 21 knots an hour on her speed trials. She is expected at Newport at an early date.

**Democratic Convention.**

The various Rhode Islanders on the committees of the Democratic national Convention are, ex-Gov. Higgins Committee on Resolutions; Rules, George W. Greene; credentials, William H. Thorne; permanent organization, Owen F. Gallagher; to notify the nominee for President, Peter G. Gerry; to notify the nominee for Vice President, Mortimer A. Sullivan. The Honorary Vice President of the convention appointed was Theodore Francis Green.

This is the way different papers look at it. One paper says "the old guard Republicans, Crane Penrose, Root etc. are to have nothing to say in this Campaign." On the same date another paper says "ex-Senator Murray Crane is given absolute power in the campaign and will name new national chairman and every officer." It is safe to say that neither paper is right, while no body of men will be given full power to boss the campaign it is not to be supposed that such staunch, able and energetic men as ex-Senators Crane and Root or Senators Penrose and Smoot will be ignored. This is to be a campaign in which all who believe in a vigorous American administration can work together.

The one unfortunate thing about the nomination of Judge Hughes for President is the chance that it gives President Wilson to appoint another Democrat of the Brandeis stripe to the Supreme Court bench. If Wilson was only man enough to ignore politics as Taft did, and appoint a good man regardless of politics he would be doing a good thing for the country. President Taft appointed a Southern Democrat to be chief justice. Now Wilson could not do better than appoint ex-President Taft to the Hughes vacancy. There is no man in the country better fitted.

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**MIDDLETON.**

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The Women's Auxiliary of the churches of St. Mary's and the Holy Cross met on Wednesday at Holy Cross Guild House, Mrs. Phoebe E. T. Manchester presiding. Reports were given by the officers, and by the delegates to the recent annual, held at East Greenwich. It was voted to again secure the apportionment through the individual contribution weekly, of 6 cents by each member. Miss Charlotte A. Chase and Miss Ruth Chase were appointed to arrange the cut of door meeting planned for July 12th. Several new members were received, among them Mrs. French Vanderlip, who has long been interested in the work and life of these two churches. At the close of the meeting she spoke briefly about the patriotic parade which is being planned for Newport for the 4th of July, and in which she is keenly interested. She strongly urged all the members to march that the women might be largely represented. Light refreshments were served.

As has been the annual custom at the Berkeley Memorial Chapel, on the Sunday following Prize Day at St. George's School, the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the head master, Rev. John B. Dunham, Rev. Arthur N. Peaslee acted as celebrant at an observance of the Holy Eucharist. A procession of dental and double white lilies, from the gardens of Mrs. T. J. Emery, adorned the chancel. Special music was rendered by the vested choir from the School, who left in Wednesday for the summer vacation. The chapel was filled to overflowing, chasers having been arranged even beyond the porch entrance. On Sunday next Rev. Remsen Ogley, headmaster at the Haglo School of Bishop Brent at the Philippines will be the preacher.

An additional five dollars was voted by Aquidneck Grange at its meeting last week to still further assist in the extermination of the tent caterpillar, which work will be continued by the former chairman, Mrs. Elisha A. Peckham. The money will be expended among the school children at the rate of 7 cents for the destruction of every nest of live caterpillars found on the public highway. At the Thursday meeting, next week, the business session will be omitted, and a public strawberry supper will be given followed by small entertainment and dancing.

The Colonial Dames of Rhode Island held their annual flag day reunion and luncheon at the Bishop Berkeley House, "Whitehall," on Wednesday, arriving in automobile parties at about 10:30 and departing soon after 3 o'clock.

The guests, mainly from Providence numbered 32. The main feature of the day was the putting out of a pole over the front door, and the giving of the flag salute as the National colors were unfurled.

The last regular meeting of the Public School Committee for the summer will be held at the town hall on Monday evening. The schools closed Friday for the annual vacation, the most of the teachers having picnics on that day for the children.

The June meeting of the Newport County Pomona Grange will open at 3 o'clock on Tuesday at Portsmouth Fair Hall. William Main of Portmouth will present a paper on "Luther Burbank, His Life and Work." Mr. L. Lincoln Sherman will speak on the topic, "The Farmer's Duty towards his local Agricultural Fair." Worthy Pomona, Mrs. Ferdinand Armbrust, of Jamestown, will be expected to occupy 15 minutes, and Mrs. Horace Almy of Tiverton will tell "How to make housekeeping easy in hot weather." There will be a basket supper, and a literary program in the evening by the Worthy Lecturer, Mrs. Wm. M. Spooner.

A reunion of the Home Economics Club of last year will be held at the M. E. Church on next Wednesday with their former instructor, Miss Jennie E. Koehler of Kingston College, who is to be married next month to Professor Ray Bristol Cooley of the department of animal husbandry at the College.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church will give a strawberry supper at the Church on Tuesday evening. The members of St. Columba's Guild held a similar event on Thursday evening at the Berkeley Parish House.

The picnic of the Oliphant Club will be held with Miss Etta M. Sherman at her home on the East Main Road on Friday afternoon June 23d.

**PORTRIDGE**

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council and Court of Probate was held on Monday afternoon at the Town Hall. President Henry F. Anthony being absent, Frank C. Cory was chosen chairman.

In Town Council, the Bay State Street Railway was given permission to relocate a pole on East Main Road, and other routine matters were disposed of.

A communication from the State Board of Public Roads, relative to the new automobile law, was referred to the Town Sergeant.

The Town Treasurer was authorized to issue the town's note in the sum of \$4,000.

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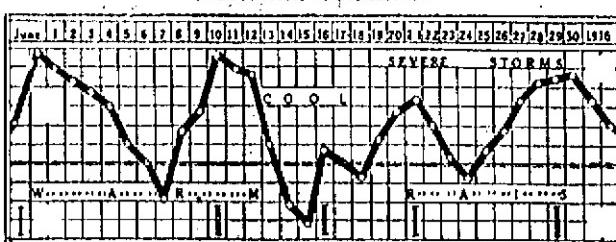
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**WEATHER BULLETIN**

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Treble line represents seasonal normal temperatures, the heavy black line the predicted departures from normal. The black line tending upward indicates rising temperature and downward indicates falling temperature. Where the heavy temperature line goes above normal indications are for warmer, and below color than usual. The 1 indicator when storm waves will cross meridian 90, moving eastward. Count one or two days later for east of meridian 90, and one to three days earlier for west of it. Warm wave will be about a day earlier and cool waves a day later.

Washington, D. C., June 16, 1916. Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent June 19 to 23, warm wave 18 to 22, cool wave 21 to 25. Temperatures are expected to average about normal during that week. Storms will be moderate till about June 21, when they will be near meridian 90, latitude 40. About and following that date the storm forces will increase and become dangerous. General and heavy rains are expected with these great storms in all southern and eastern sections, including in some sections, tornadoes and hail.

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Warm wave of next disturbance will reach vicinity of Vancouver near June 25 with rising temperatures all along the Pacific slope. This warm wave will turn east, cross the crest of the Rockies by close of 27, plains sections 28, meridian 90, great lakes and Ohio valleys 29, eastern sections 30, reaching Newfoundland 31. Storm wave will follow

about one day behind the warm wave.

This will be a continuation of the general great storms described above, but this storm will be most severe on Pacific slope and will begin to lose force as it nears the Atlantic coast. It will affect the whole continent, some places more in heat, others in very cool, others in hail or heavy rains or tornadoes and other sections in exceedingly bright and deep blue skies. Each of these weather features will go to great extremes during this great storm period covering June 20 to July 1.

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But a radical change will come with August. The unusually cool weather features will disappear, storms will decrease in force and will follow more northern routes. This general condition will continue till end of December. Details will be given later.

We will have experienced two years of this peculiar weather, but a great change is coming for 1917. A change that will require different methods in planting and sowing for the production of crops. We are preparing to thoroughly discuss these important weather events.

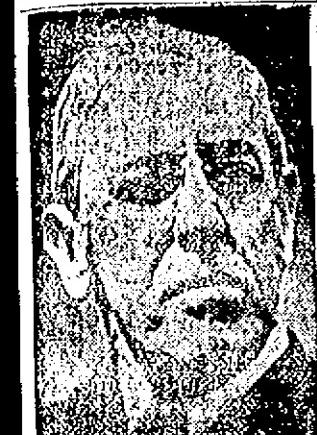
**HUGHES AND FAIRBANKS**

Standard Bearers Who Were Named by G. O. P. to Oppose Wilson in Flight.



Payment of liberal compensation to ships engaged in foreign trade.

Placing of entire transportation system of the country under federal control.

**EACH NOMINATED BY ACCLAMATION****Wilson and Marshall Again Head the Democratic Ticket****BRYAN PLEDGES ALLEGIANCE****Wilson Has Broken Power of Wall Street in Politics In Speech Full of Fire and Vigor—Entire Address All Wilson in Keeping With Convention Proceedings.****St. Louis, June 16.—President Wilson was put in nomination this morning at the Democratic national convention, and a wild scene of enthusiasm followed.****His nomination was by acclamation. The nomination of Vice President Marshall by acclamation immediately followed.****Photo by American Press Association.****PRESIDENT WILSON****During the demonstration for the president a telephone wire connecting the convention hall with the White House enabled the president and his party in Washington to hear plainly the applause and cheering.****The acceleration of the work of the convention was the result of the delegates fidgeting the bit between their teeth and putting their feet down on one of the time-honored stupidities of the national convention system, the custom whereby a convention must remain in session for a certain number of days, whether it has any business to transact or not, in order that the inhabitants of the convention city may have a chance to make a lot of money out of the crowds.****Bryan Creates Enthusiasm**  
A great speech from William J. Bryan, in which he declared that President Wilson had broken the power of Wall street in politics, came as a climax to the convention, making an even greater impression than the concluding speech by Judge Wescott of New Jersey.**"For years 100 men in Wall street have controlled elections in this country," said he. "The administration of Woodrow Wilson has broken the power of Wall street forever and restored the government to the hand of the people."****Photo by American Press Association.****VICE PRESIDENT MARSHALL****A genuine ovation was given Bryan when he stepped up on the platform, clad in black seersucker suit and waving a palmleaf fan. When he was presented by Chairman James as one of the foremost citizens of the world, there was another outburst.****After reviewing his previous appearances at national conventions he brought forth more cheers with the statement:****"If I understand the sentiment of this convention, it is very different from that of the conventions I attended in Chicago last week. We're here tonight the national campaign of 1916, which will make for a solid party in every state in the Union to ratify the record of more than three years of the greatest achievements in the history of the country under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson."****From that point on his approval of Wilson's tariff policy, his taxation legislation, the currency law and other Wilson doctrines were interrupted by enthusiastic applause.****With all the vim and force that he has always shown as a reform speaker, Bryan threw himself into the work, inspiring freely as a result of the physical effort he was making, he resorted to the use of a palmleaf****fan every time there was an eruption from the enthusiastic audience.****Bryan's entire address was all Wilson, in keeping with all the proceedings of the convention.****The Platform****Mexico covered in general foreign plank, but not mentioned by name.****Protection for Americans at home and abroad.****Permanent peace tribunal.****Army and navy big enough to support Monroe doctrine.****Eight-hour day for workingmen.****Civil service pensions.****Right of suffrage for women recognized.****Hyphenated Americans repudiated.****Business promised a rest after present congressional program completed.****NO SIGN OF SLACKENING****Russia Continues Her Furious Offensive Against the Tatars****London, June 16.—The twelfth day of the great Russian offensive against the Austro-Hungarians and Germans from Volhynia to Bukowina shows nowhere any signs of slackening.****All along the front fresh gains for the Russian troops and the capture of thousands of additional prisoners and guns, machine guns and war supplies are claimed by the Russians. The aggregate of prisoners now exceeds 160,000; according to Russian official reports.****The French on the slopes south of Dead Man's Hill, northwest of Verdun, have attacked and captured a German trench. The Germans are still violently bombarding the sectors of Thiaumont and Fort Couvillle, northeast of Verdun.****Only artillery activity is in progress on the remainder of the front in France and Belgium.****The fighting on the Austro-Italian line in Tyrol so far has died down in violence, only artillery bombardments and small infantry engagements having been reported.****Near Delalio, on the Tigris river, the Turks have repulsed an attempt of the British to advance, according to Constantinople. The annihilation of 400 British troops on the Euphrates sector is also reported by the Turkish war office.****BIG DONATIONS TO TECH****"Mysterious Mr. Smith" Promises Still Further Large Gifts****Boston, June 16.—Amid scenes of great enthusiasm, with cheers ringing over 10,000 miles of telephone cables from sons of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology located in thirty-five cities of the United States, more than \$2,000,000 was pledged for the use of Technology last night at the great banquet of the institute in Symphony hall.****Over the long distance telephone line the message was carried that again the "mysterious Mr. Smith," already the donor of \$3,500,000, had promised to contribute \$5 for every \$3 raised within the year. Then came the announcement that princely gifts from alumni and friends of the institute last night had totaled \$1,000,000, which, with the offer of "Mr. Smith," made a total of \$2,500,000.****BOYS ARE RELEASED****Found to Have No Connection With the Wakelin Murder****Boston, June 16.—Harold Mead and Harold Shaw, the Melrose youths arrested in connection with the Loretta Wakelin murder, were officially cleared of all guilt when Judge Bruce of the Malden court released them on the charge of larceny, the charge on which they were being technically held.****The boys were able to give a full accounting of every moment they were away from their homes in Melrose on the morning of the murder, and Police Chief Kerr asked that they be set free.****No new developments have disturbed the monotony of the unsuccessful hunt for the murderer of the Wakelin child.****Poscoli to Be Italian Premier****Rome, June 16.—The new cabinet which is to replace that of Antonio Salandra, which resigned last Sunday, has virtually been completed.****Eduardo Poscoli, who will be the new premier, is 79 years old.****Ten Deaths in Elevator Fire****Baltimore, June 16.—Revised estimates of the dead in a fire that wrecked the Pennsylvania Railroad company's grain elevator at Lower Canton place the number at ten.****Generous Gifts to Princeton****Princeton, N. J., June 14.—Gifts to Princeton approximating \$300,000 were announced by President Hibben during the exercises attending the 169th commencement here.****Mrs. Preston Under the Knife****New York, June 15.—Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, Jr., who was formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland, was operated upon in Roosevelt hospital. The operation was very successful.****An increase of \$366,554 in imports and a decrease of \$1,376,703 in exports from the month of April is shown in the report for May just issued by Collector Comings of the Vermont customs district.****After serving for thirteen years in a double capacity as minister of the Universalist churches of Gardner and Westminster, Mass., Rev. Lucy M. Giles has filed her resignation with both parishes, to take effect Sept. 1.****Lewis A. Horton, 74, for many years guardian of the custom house appraisers' stores at Boston, and a veteran of the Civil war with a remarkable record, died suddenly. 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Jackson, 44, a freight brakeman, was crushed to death between two freight cars at Somerville, Mass.****State tax assessed against cities and towns, to be paid into the Rhode Island treasury, will amount to a total of \$393,131.28.****Jeremiah Dowd, whose age and address the police do not know, was knocked down and killed by an automobile at Boston.****As a result of burns received from dropping a lighted kerosene lamp in her home at Boston, Mrs. F. E. Lorette, 46, died in a hospital.****Rev. John W. F. Barnes, twenty-eight years chaplain at the Massachusetts state prison, died at Boston as a result of a fall. He was 85 years old.****Charles E. Gibbs, 16, was killed by a train at West Pittsfield, Mass., as he was walking on the tracks to work.****Elmer Hersey, 25, a chauffeur, was instantly killed and Alfred Healey was injured when a machine driven by Hersey ran into a tree at Hingham, Mass.****Frank Bulman, 30, was killed and four others were seriously injured when an automobile struck a telegraph pole and turned over at Dearfield, Mass.****George Whiting, 76, senior member of the big mill firm of D. Whiting & Son, Boston, died at his summer home at Wilton, N. H., where he was born.****Seated alone in a drifting boat and holding a fishing line in one hand, the body of Thomas Staples, an aged fisherman, was found five miles off Deer Isle, Me.****Farmers of Massachusetts will lose \$5,000,000 by the late spring and heavy rains this year, according to Secretary Wheeler of the state board of agriculture.****Work was begun at Rutland, Vt., on the new gymnasium, which is to be built on the grounds of the new community house, recently presented by ex-Governor Read.****Louis Benét, elected superintendent of Manchester, N. H., schools, announces that he will not accept the position. He will go to Evansville, Ind., at a salary of \$5200.****Sixty union carpenters employed by the Hampden Lumber company, Springfield, Mass., struck. The only demand is that the company use the union label on its goods.****Dwight F. Doyden of Greenwich, Conn., was accidentally shot and seriously injured at Meredith, N. H., by his 8-year-old daughter while they were at rifle practice.****Preliminary sketches have been made by several architects for the proposed observatory which the people of Auburn, Me., have been trying to get for some time.****Friends and relatives gathered at the Tyrell homestead at Nashua, N. H., to celebrate the 83d birthday of Frank H. and Francis Tyrell, the oldest male twins in New England.****With favoring wind and tide, the Harvard varsity eight shot over the four-mile course down stream on the Thames river in 19m. 48s. The record for the course is 20m. 10s.****Five-year-old Natalie Lee was awarded a verdict of \$150 for being bitten in the face by a dog owned by Francis J. Connolly of Boston, the scar of which she will carry all her life.****Thirty firemen and citizens were overcome by gases in a two-alarm fire in a cotton mill of the Great Falls Manufacturing company, Somersworth, N. H., caused by a lightning bolt.****Middlebury, Vt., college is to observe, at its commencement exercises this month, the centenary of the birth of John G. Saxe, a well-known poet and humorist of an earlier generation.****The Manchester, N. H., Publicity association has approved the "saving daylight" plan, and will begin at once an active campaign to sound public sentiment with regard to its application.****Louise Farrar, 65, of Boston was found dead from accidental gas poisoning in her room.****The body of Lionel Parenau, 8, of Suncook, N. H., was found floating in the Suncook river.****Bert Castine, 30, who has been working in a brickyard, was drowned while bathing at Haverhill, Mass.****The Union Steel Casting plant at Boston was destroyed by a fire that caused a total damage of \$150,000.****Harvard students started a boom to name one of Professor Joel Metcalfe's planets after the university.****Fifteen hundred boys of the Providence high school cadet corps marched through the streets on their annual demonstration.****After serving for thirteen years in a double capacity as minister of the Universalist churches of Gardner and Westminster, Mass., Rev. Lucy M. Giles has filed her resignation with both parishes, to take effect Sept. 1.****Lewis A. Horton, 74, for many years guardian of the custom house appraisers' stores at Boston, and a veteran of the Civil war with a remarkable record, died suddenly. 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They are in the best of health.****The office of president of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company was filled at the directors' meeting at Boston by electing R. L. Agassiz.****Mrs. Joe T. Whitney, who labored in foreign mission fields with her husband, Rev. Joel Whitney, died at Royalton, Vt., of heart disease.****Lying face downward and held by the branch of a tree, the body of an unidentified man was found in the Housatonic river at Pittsfield, Mass.****Students of Vernon academy, a Baptist institution at Saxtons River, were surprised when Dr. Watson announced his retirement as principal.****Charles W. Blackford, superintendent of the Manchester, N. H., schools, was chosen to fill a similar position by the Lewiston, Me., school board.****The Oldtown, Me., city government offered a reward of \$225 for information in the case of Albert Beauchene, 17-year-old mill worker, who was murdered.****Twenty-five young women, the largest number in the history of the Long Island (Boston) hospital training school for nurses, graduate from that institution.****Alfred Thobault, 41, a laborer, was instantly killed by the caving in of a supporting wall at the picker-plant of the C. S. Dodge cotton mills at Lowell, Mass.****From all parts of the United States and Canada sons of Guilford, Mo., will gather June 17 and 18 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town.****The mangled body of Mrs. Kate Perkins, 28, was found on the railroad tracks at Milton, N. H. It is believed she took her own life by jumping beneath a train.****A threatened strike of nearly 1400 railroad clerks on the Boston and Maine was averted by an agreement effected between the company and the Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks.****Herbert M. Tasker, junior of the Austin-Cate academy, Stratford, N. H., was badly burned when he took a lantern into a small building housing a gas generator, in search of a leak.****Between seventy-five and eighty feet of the wharf of the Lubec Sardine company, Belfast, Me., caved in, letting nearly 400 tons of coal into the water. The damage may reach \$5000.****Bangor Theological seminary, which has the distinction of being the only Congregational seminary in New England north of Massachusetts, held exercises marking the close of its 100th year.****When the British steamer Great City sailed from Boston she took out the largest cargo of grain ever shipped from an American port to Europe—640,000 bushels of oats for the French government.****Sixty union carpenters employed by the Hampden Lumber company, Springfield, Mass., struck. The only demand is that the company use the union label on its goods.****Breeches buoys were the means of saving eight men from two vessels on the Massachusetts coast when the schooners Virginia and Josie were wrecked off the coast at Salsbury Beach and Plum Island, respectively.****A handsome monument, erected to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the United States, will be dedicated with appropriate exercises next Sunday at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Togus, Me.****Heart failure, induced, it is believed, by the sudden downward lurch of a roller-coaster car in which she was riding at Sals**

# Europe's Battle Front Lessons

X.—Transports Could Easily Land Big Army of Invaders

Any One of Big Powers Could Put a Force Superior to Ours Ashore and Take Us Completely by Surprise.

Dardanelles Campaign Proves Large Bodies of Troops Can Be Safely Shipped Great Distances—Palmer Tells of Surrender Terms.

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**W**HEN an army moves on land its objective cannot be well concealed. Spies and the complete watch it. Rail-road facilities are a guide to the enemy, who knows how many troops can be moved to a certain point in a certain time and can regulate his own concentration to meet yours. Consider a hundred transports at sea with 100,000 men and with a full equipment on board. The boats move up and down at will, well camouflaged, limited by no railroad lines, by no roads or motor or horse transport, compact, ready to descend in mass wherever it chooses, with the enemy uncertain until the moment of striking where you mean to strike.

To England, with her immense resources in ships, we must turn to see what might be done in this respect if the forces of South Africa were not enough. She has at the present time more than 1,000,000 men overseas, both men and guns entirely fed by sea transport. Meanwhile her population is dependent for its own food on her sea carrying trade, and you see the flags of British merchantmen in every harbor in the world. How small the capacity of a railroad train compared to that of a great ship, which is not tied to the rails, but has the whole sea for its track!

The British at Gallipoli.

It is more than half the distance from England to Egypt or that from Europe to the United States, yet while she was sending her fleet away in France, her ports in India and her Mediterranean and other expeditions "unprepared" England sent to Gallipoli an army larger than we could muster for the defense of the Atlantic seaboard before the orders of an invading force could be drawn around New York.

"And she did not succeed at Gallipoli," you say.

The failure was due not to inability to gather a vast force on board transports and disembark them promptly, but to absence of the factor of surprise.

The British were limited as to landing places. It was obvious that they would try Gallipoli. But any naval power or group of powers which undertaken to invade the United States would be in a much better position for a surprise. The enemy would have a much larger coast line from which to choose his point of attack. Turkey had some 40,000 trained soldiers under arms, and the Germans had outran the Turkish army under the German system. It was homogeneous, prepared for its task, and being prepared, Constantinople was saved despite the suspicious character of the British and the Americans. And what of ourselves? The British had at Gallipoli and at the wounded were brought to base hospitals by sea and all the men to fill the gaps in the ranks brought from England by sea.

How many men and how much equipment can be sent on a fleet of transports is a matter of mathematical calculation. Nothing is quite so definite as our transport work.

50,000 Men Could be Shipped.

Had Germany been free to invade America instead of going to war with the allies, by using 30 per cent of her tonnage she could have put us aboard a single expedition of 850,000 men as part of a complete army, which would include 82,000 animals; France could have transported 120,000 men and 82,000 animals; Japan 80,000 men and 24,000 animals. In each case this would have an army as ready to every battle to take the field as those which took the field to Europe at the outset of the present war or which Japan sent to Manchuria ten years ago.

Two thousand required five passages and landing would be from two to three weeks from the outbreak of war. In six additional three to six weeks more than double this number of men could be disembarked. Therefore we could count on the possibility of from a quarter of a million to three-quarters of a million troops on our soil in three months sent by a single power. In that time we might gather 2,000,000 men into a force which lacked both human material and adequate equipment.

If we should be struck from the Pacific at the same time as the Atlantic, our invasion direction would cut off the long east coast. Think of its situation with a vast stretch of coastline, knowing that an enemy was going to strike, but not knowing where. We should have only thirty or forty sea or army planes to do our scouting. The cost of heavy transports, protected by its dictatorial fleet and destroyers, would range up and down to deceive us as to the point of disembarkation. At night they might appear on the Jersey coast, and then, lights down, under the cover of darkness, they would steam back toward New England and find the break of day under the protecting fire of hundreds of guns they would beach their lighter transports.

**Boss Prevaricators.**  
There goes a man who boasts that he has never bought a cold brick!

"Reminds me of the fellow who says he has never told a lie."

"Yes. He reminds me of the chap who says the upkeep of his automobile is next to nothing."

"And he's in the same category with the man who says he never was sick a day in his life." — Birmingham Age Herald.

ports, as the British did at Gallipoli, and the soldiers would pour over their sides or through the openings made in the sides for them.

Our Army Helpless Against Invaders

Literally every foot of the coast of England is patrolled against any raid or surprise—this when the German navy is bottled up and the British navy commands the sea. Who will do the patrolling of our own coast? The enemy may land in five or six different places. He may make two or three "false" landings, where he puts his troops ashore for a day or two long enough to set out in motion toward the point before he withdraws overnight and sails away. That little regular army of ours would be halted from all sides without knowing which way to march.

It would not do to send our soldiers out in detail to be beaten by the enemy. Then we should have no nucleus remaining. There would be nothing left as a basis for building a larger army of volunteers. It would be a case of Washington at Valley Forge over again. Probably no wise commander who had our present military establishment would attempt to risk battle this side of the Alleghenies. He might try to harry the enemy with guerrilla irregulars and our excellent cavalry, but that is all. He could not resist the enemy's main force, nor even to protect Washington after what Europe has taught us of the cruelty of modern armies. There would be a scuttling of congressmen and a rush

"to take photographs, and it was the knowledge of photography which led to young Kitchener's appointment and gave him his chance.

His False Prediction

Curiously enough, Lord Kitchener was a fatalist and on several occasions had expressed some very strong convictions as to his future. During the Boer campaign he was often warned not to expose himself so recklessly to the enemy while in action. To this remonstrance he replied: "I shall never be killed. When my time comes I shall die peacefully in my bed."

His capacity for work was amazing, and he had no patience with a man less energetic than himself. It was characteristic of him that his first question when he entered the war office as secretary for war was, "Is there a bed in the building?" "No, sir," replied an official. "Then get one," said Lord Kitchener. Then the official knew that

he must work hard.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1910.

## NOTES.

**ARNOLD BURIAL PLACE.**—Many people are now asking for the part of the will of Gov. Benedict Arnold mentioning the burial place in Newport, and we are printing this extract in the hope that these searchers will find it useful.—E. M. T.

**EXTRACT FROM WILL OF GOVERNOR BENEDICT ARNOLD,** made Dec. 24, 1777, proved July 1, 1787; recorded July 8, 1787.

"My body I desire and appoint to be buried at ye northeast corner of a parcel of ground containing three rods square, being of and laying in my land in or near to line or path from my dwelling house to my stone built windmill in ye town of Newport above mentioned, the middle or centre of which said three rod square of ground is and shall be ye tomb already erected over ye grave of my grandchild Damaris Goulding, there buried on ye fourteenth day of August, 1677. And I desire that my dear, loving wife, Damaris Arnold, after her decease, may be buried next unto me on ye south side of ye place aforesaid, provided for my own interment, and I do ordain my executors to erect decent tombs over her grave and my grave in such convenient time as it may be effectually accomplished; and further I do hereby solemnly prohibit ye selling or otherwise disposing of the said three rod square of ground or any part thereof, but that it be wholly reserved for the use of my kindred relations, for so many of them as shall please to bury their dead in said ground, and therefore do order and appoint that they shall have, from time to time, on all occasions to and from ye said burying ground free egress and regress without any molestation from any that shall succeed in the land about it."

**SULLY'S EXTRACTS** from the Newport Mercury 1783-1785. Copy by Dr. Henry E. Turner, now in possession of the Newport Historical Society.—E. M. T.—Continued.

1755. May 22. Benj. Almy, adv., Indigo, waxes, flour, rice & West India goods.

Gideon Wanton adv. dry goods.

Peter Langley, S. part of Thames St., adv. natis, beads and West India goods.

Estate of Abraham Barker, Tiverton; Susanna Barker.

Died, last Tuesday, Mary, wife of Elathan Hammond, aged 63 yrs.

Arthur Dennis, Prudence Island, adv. negro for sale.

George Irish, Middletown, adv. Stal-Hon Noble—a bright Sorrel.

Annie Farrant, to let, house formerly belonging to Robert Taylor, at the head of Taylor's wharf.

George Rome, adv. the Brigantine, Brothers, bound for London.

1755. May 29. Testimony relative to Lexington and Concord.

Last Thursday, Major Henry Sherburne and Capt. John Topham with one company Colonial troops, also Capt. Brown with Portsmouth Company, marched for Boston.

Died, widow Lion; Newport.

Died, Mrs. Sisson, wife of Robert, Newport.

Died, Benjamin Bowers, Swantey.

Died, Peter Harrison, Esq., New Haven.

Died, this morning, Elizabeth wife of Ray, Extra Stiles, age 43 yrs.

1755. June 5. 54 barrels of flour taken from George Rome's store and lodged in Brick Market.

Lodewick Stanton coffee house at Green End lately occupied by Nicholas Easton (Whitehall).

Estate of Wm. Wilbur, Little Compton; Thomas Brownell Exec't.

Estate of Jonathan Nichols, Innholder.

George Nichols and Walter Nichols Exec'ts; also by same parties, for Sale, 220 acres Dumpling farm.

Thomas Tew, Broad St., Gunsmith.

1755. June 12. Married Capt. Edward Farns to Polly, eldest daughter of Capt. Simon Newton.

Died, yesterday, John Hudson, carpenter.

Died, Capt. Samuel Bayley, Little Compton.

Rev. Ebenezer David ordained this day, Newport.

John Tanner, to let, house adjoining James Robinson's Main St., also chamber over shop.

Job Cornell makes drums near Brick Market.

1755. June 19. Died, last Thursday, Elijah Collins of Boston, at Newport, age 66 yrs.

Wanted, by Rodman & Stevens, to charter a vessel.

1755. July 1. Solomon Southwick appointed Poemaster by Gen'l Assembly.

Insolvent, Robert Wistar, South Kingstown; Henry Ward, Sec.

Pettence Walker, Bristol, adv. to let house and yard, 1 mile from Bristol, Ferry.

Insolvent, Christopher Brown, North Kingstown; Henry Ward, Sec.

Died, last Tuesday, Richard Reynolds Parker of Newport, age 22 yrs.

Died, last Thursday, Hannah, wife of John Cawell, age 35 yrs.

Estate of Capt. Samuel Holloway, Daniel Holloway & Robert Morey Comm'r.

Estate of John Hudson, Mary Hudson, adm'tr.

Insolvent, Jonathan Seward, Blacksmith, Newport. Henry Ward, Sec.

Estate of Capt. Samuel Bailey, Capt. of the Royal Regiment, Newport.

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